

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 505

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AIRCRAFT/AIRPORTS: Provides relative to the repair and maintenance of privately-owned aircraft stored in leased or owned hangars in public airports or facilities

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 2:135.1(L)(3), relative to leased airport facilities; to authorize aviation
3 maintenance technicians certified by the Federal Aviation Administration be
4 permitted to enter public airport facilities to perform certain work on privately-
5 owned aircraft stored in leased or owned public airport facilities; to provide for the
6 inspection, assessment, and consultation including repair and maintenance of
7 privately-owned aircraft; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related
8 matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 2:135.1(L)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §135.1. Authority to equip, improve, establish fees and charges, and lease airport
12 facilities

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16 (3)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this Section or any other
17 provision of law to the contrary, any aviation maintenance technician who is certified
18 by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) shall be authorized and permitted to
19 enter into a public airport facility to provide assessment, inspection, or consultation
20 including preventative maintenance or minor repair work, if necessary, for a

1 privately-owned aircraft stored in a leased or owned hangar in a public airport or
2 facility provided that the inspection, assessment, consultation, or work performed
3 complies with the provisions outlined in 14 CFR Part 43.

4 (b) The FAA-certified technician shall meet the following requirements:

5 (i) Is authorized by the owner or lessee of the aircraft to perform the
6 assessment, inspection, or consultation, including preventative maintenance or minor
7 repair work, if necessary.

8 (ii) Complies with all security measures and access control policies
9 established by the airport authority including but not limited to being granted
10 temporary access to restricted areas if necessary.

11 (iii) Upon request, presents a valid FAA certification and identification at the
12 time of entry to the airport. If the hangar is in a restricted area, the FAA-certified
13 technician shall be escorted by airport personnel unless authorized otherwise.

14 (iv) Upon request, provides proof of appropriate liability insurance covering
15 the performance of their duties at the airport.

16 (c) The provisions of this Paragraph shall become effect on July 31, 2025.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes aviation maintenance technicians certified by the Federal Aviation Administration to perform certain repair and maintenance work on privately-owned aircraft that are located in a leased or owned hangar in a public airport or facility.

Present law authorizes leases of public airport operational space to be entered into with persons engaged in the manufacture, storage, or maintenance of aircraft in excess of 88,000 lbs., or private persons engaged in air carrier operations, for initial terms of up to 30 years, and for optional extension terms of up to an additional 25 years without advertising or competitive bid. Specifies that the lease must provide conditions to ensure the area of the lease is suitably maintained, that services are provided on a fair, equal, and not unjustly discriminatory basis and that charges for services are fair, reasonable, and not unjustly discriminatory.

Proposed law retains present law and adds authorization for a FAA-certified technician to enter into a public airport or facility to provide inspection, assessment, or consultation on

a privately-owned aircraft that is stored in a leased or owned public airport hangar provided that the inspection, assessment or consultation complies with the provisions outlined in 14 CFR Part 43. Further requires that the FAA-certified technician meets the following:

- 1.) Is authorized by the owner or lessee of the aircraft to perform the necessary assessment, inspection, or consultation, including preventative maintenance or minor repair work if necessary.
- 2.) Complies with all security measures and access control policies established by the airport authority including but not limited to being granted temporary access to restricted areas if necessary.
- 3.) Upon request, presents a valid FAA certification and identification at the time of entry to the airport. If the hangar is in a restricted area, the technician must be escorted by airport personnel unless authorized otherwise.
- 4.) Upon request, provides appropriate liability insurance covering the performance of their duties at the airport.

Proposed law provides an effective date of July 31, 2025.

(Adds R.S. 2:135.1(L)(3))